Boston Aug. 27 1854

Theodore Parker

Dear Friend

The contributions of the Churches, in behalf of the Fugitive Slaves I think, have about all come in; I herewith enclose you a schedule thereof, amounting in all to about 800 dollars, being but little more than half as much as they contributed in 1851

The Mass.tts Register published in Jan.y 1854, states the No. of Religious Societies to be 1547— (made up of 471 Orthodox; 270 Methodist: 267 Baptists 170 Unitarians— 130 Universalists, and all others 239)

We sent circulars to the whole 1547; only 78 of them have responded — say 1 in 20 —

from the 130 Universalist Soc.s & nothing — from the 43 Episcopalian 4 dollars — 20 Friends, 27 dollars —

The Baptists, 4 times as many of these Soc.s have given now as gave in 1851 — this may be because Byrnes was a Baptist Minister.

The Universalists have recently been exerting themselves to lay the foundation of a new Theological Oven, in which to bake (not bread) but Ministers so they had nothing for the Slave — neither did they give in 1851

The average amount contributed by the 77 Societies (deducting Frothing'hams of Salem)

is ten dollars each; The 28th Congregational in this city did not take up a contribution nevertheless, individual members thereof subscribed upwards of 300 dollars; they being Infidel have not been reckoned with the churches—

Of the Cities & large towns, scarce any have contributed — Of the 90 & 9 in Boston all have gone astray but two — I have not heard of our Circulars being read in one of them, still it may have been —

Those Societies who have contributed, I judge were the least able to do so.

Francis Jackson

(I sent letters of acknowledgement & thanks to all the Societies who contributed)

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Contributions of Religious Societies in Massachusetts June & July 1854

Orthodox

Rev James T Woodbury,	Milford	23.56
" A P Marvin,	Winchendon	25.50
" Henry Wickes,	Princeton	15.81
" A W Ide,	Medway	24.17
" E. B. Wright,	Ludlow	3.16
" John Cunningham,	Southb.	12.—
" G B Wilcox,	Fitchburg	28.79
" Giles Pease,	Sandwich	8.50
" W & Jackson,	Lincoln	11.50
" E A Stockman,	Cummington	6"
" Theodore I Clarke,	"	6"
" William Packard,	"	12"
" Charles V Spear,	Sudbury	13.66
" Robt McEwen,	Enfield	35"
" Wm L Ropes,	Wrentham	10"
" Daniel A Babcock,	Plymouth	7"
" Abijah Stowell,	Gardner	11"
" Benjamin Whitmore,	Plymouth	6"
" A. Chandler,	Greenfield	13.
" H. Haynes Jr.,	Sturbridge	10"
" Luther Sheldon,	Easton	16"
" Edward P Kimball,	Halifax	8.25
" John Keep,	Dana	3.30
" Saml S Ashley,	Northboro'	2"
" I L Merrick,	S. Amherst	8"
" John Haskell	Dover	3"
		323.20

Baptist

Rev. Jn°. E Wood,	N. Tewksbury	7.10
" Asaph Meriam,	Bolton	4"
" P. R Russell,	Canton	10"
" Jer Chaplin,	W Dedham	20.24
" Geo. W Wallace,	Attleboro	8"
" R A Coffin,	Conway	6.09
" C T Tucker,	Millbury	13.25
" L Parker,	Rehoboth	7.
" Wm Stow,	Colerain	2.57
" Francis E Cleaves,	Littleton	13.51
" T C Fingley,	Holden	12.
" Andrew Gleason,	Barre	2.
" Joel Meriam,	Westminster	3.
" W A Pease,	Shutesbury	6
" Geo D Felton,	Granville	3.
" Chas M Bowers	Clinton	19.
" T A Manley		3.83
" Joseph T Massey,	Billingham	5.20
" Addison Brown,	Haverhill	4.
" Jo°. M Rockwood,	Belchertown	3"
" Jas W. Lathrop,	Dorchester	4"
" E C Messinger,	Medway	10.70
" Geo E Fuller,	Ware	2.50
" Welcome Lewis,	Medway	5.25
" Isaac Woodbury,	Wenham	9.18
		184.42

Methodist

Rev H L Hastings	Plym°.	4"
" B L. Sayer,	Little Compton	2"
" I B Bigelow,	Princeton	5"
" Chas. Pyke,	S. Dartmouth	3"
" Jared Bracket,	Marsfield	6"
" Samuel Tupper,	Fitchburg	6"
" Lewis E Dunham,	Truro	2.49
" Geo. Burnham,	Scituate	2.
" E L Prentice,	S Amherst	1.48
" W. H. Stetson,	Eastham	10.
" A D Merrill,	Lynn	5.15
" Dan'l DeWolf,	Leyden	10.
" M. P. Webster,	Whitinsville	6.12
" Jonas Scott,	Cochituate	7.48
" O N Brookes	S Somers	8.—
		78.72

	323.20
	184.42
	78.72
	231.02
	817.36

Unitarian

Rev. O. B Frothingham	Salem	132.—
" E. Scott,	Westfield	5.
" D. M. Allen	Westminster	4.25
" August° Woodbury,	Lowell	12.
" S. S. Hunting,	Brookfield	10.
" Edm°. Willson	W. Roxt.	7.50
" Warren H Cudworth	E. Boston	7.27
" S Allen	E Bridgewater	18.
		196.02

Episcopal

" Wm Withington,	Swanzey	4.

Friends

John G Whittier,	Amesbury	17.
Jon°. Farnum	Uxbridge	10.

Christian

" Jn°. E Covey,	Freetown	4.
		231.02

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